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Folly Isle S.C.
Midnight. Feb. 22nd 64.

Dear Sister,

I should like to fulfill your wish in regard to being in Y.S. on Friday night to enjoy the grand Supper that you speak of, but I am situated you will no doubt excuse me if I should not happen to be present.

The 75 might all have been enlisted as veterans but for several reasons one was some of the officers did not go into the thing with any spirit and rather argued against it. And another was Gen. Kilburn issued an order declining to furlough another whole regiment, so the thing was deadened. I think Capt Morey will visit the Springs if he goes to Ohio, I think he will as he has expressed a desire to do so.

Yes I knew that Ike and Jennie were engaged. I suspected it a long time ago, but knew nothing certain until she told me herself. (You don't you breath a word to her that I told you this) and she seemed very much distressed about it. She told me of his jealousy, and if I judge a right

she does not think as much of him as formerly.

I suppose you could see that I had a weakness in that direction. I had thought for a long time that he and she were engaged and therefore tried to forget her, and that was one reason for flirting with another. I don't know what Jennie thinks or ever thought of me, but she has and ever will have my kindest regards, and best wishes for her happiness.

I had and have yet a small box of shells packed for her and intended sending them to her but I hardly dare do it now as she will be placed in a rather cruel position. Though if she will accept them I will send them when I send yours, if not you can present them to her in your name, if not that, then I will send them to her sister if you think she would accept them.

No, I never made any proposals nor declarations to any body. it was nothing more than a frolic for the season. I know Jennie felt bad when I went with — but I have repented of it many times since. When you write give her my kindest

regards, and if she does marry
him may she be happy, but I
can hardly believe it.

I will close
My respects to all
Affectionately
Oscar